

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to eliminate multiple dependent claims and correct the typographical errors in the specification as originally filed.

The specification has been amended to change "Sr(NO₃)₃" to --Sr(NO₃)₂-- and to change "Mg(NO₃)₃" to --Mg(NO₃)₂--. These incorrect subscripts appeared in the original Japanese specification. However, because both Sr and Mg are bivalent ions, it should be readily apparent that the subscripts "3" were clerical errors. That is, neither Sr(NO₃)₃ nor Mg(NO₃)₃ exist.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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